White paper on WTO's impact on India

2318. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a demand has been made to Government, to bring out a White Paper on the profit and loss account of India being part of the WTO since 1995 and whether Government propose to bring out this paper;

(b) whether Government have made analysis of the impact if India had not joined the WTO and what were the sector-wise gains or losses as a result of joining the WTO; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Does not arise.

Assistance to Orissa for shrimp export

2319. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Orissa is picking up in shrimp exports and it is expected to rise threefold by 2010 when it would export 1200 crore brackish-water shrimp;

(b) whether Government is also aware that Orissa is a debt-ridden cash-strapped state and lacks resources for development of its infrastructure;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to extend financial and other help to the State for exploitation of its shrimp potential; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) The Government is aware of the potential of Orissa in increasing its export earnings by augmenting the export of shrimp and scampi generated through aquaculture. The state is known to have about 32,000 ha of potential brackish water area for development of aquaculture. Besides the State of Orissa is gifted with a number of rivers and riverine systems and about 1.15 lakh ha of ponds and tanks that can be used for aquaculture of fresh

water prawns. At present the utilization of this potential is very meagre, *i.e.* about 12,880 ha. of brackish water area and about 840 ha. of freshwater ponds are used for shrimp and scampi culture respectively.

Taking into account of its potential MPEDA has submitted a Misssion Mode programme for development of shrimp and scampi culture to the Government of Orissa recently. As per the proposal the State can promote development of 10,350 ha. of shrimp and 10,000 ha. of scampi farms in the State in the next five years. This development can lead to a production of 20,700 MT of shrimp and 20,540 MT of scampi in the State.

The estimated investment required for the proposed development is Rs. 673 crore (Rs. 310 crore for shrimp farming and Rs. 363 crores for scampi farming). The anticipated export turnover that can be achieved through the development programme is Rs. 1,264 crore.

Most of the maritime States have to depend on central financial assistance for development of infrastructure in their respective areas to supplement their own efforts.

The proposed development is planned to be achieved by extending assistance to private entrepreneurs through a number of existing schemes implemented by the Central and State Government agencies and by addressing to issues such as infrastructure development, lifting of ban on interstate movement of shrimp, creating labs etc., with a view to remove the bottlenecks presently hampering the development of shrimp culture in the State.

MPEDA is implementing various subsidy assistance schemes in various maritime States which are: subsidy for new farm development, subsidy for small scale hatcheries; subsidy for medium scale hatcheries; subsidy for setting up of PCR labs; subsidy for effluent treatment system; subsidy for establishment of chill room facilities in shrimp/prawn farming areas and subsidy for purchase of water testing kits/equipment for shrimp/prawn farms. Besides, there are other several promotional activities carried out by MPEDA in the field of aquaculture with a view to promote shrimp and scampi culture. The details of subsidy disbursed in the State of Orissa by MPEDA during the last 3 years is given below:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
2001-02	24.61
2002-03	87.76
2003-04	71.95